City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, November 17, 2016

<u>Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission</u>

O-16.196 An Order To purchase 20.7± acres on Water Street in Leeds

Ordered, that

- WHEREAS, The *Open Space and Recreation Plan: 2011-2018* recommends preserving open space to expand the Saw Mill Hills-Roberts Hill Conservation Area to the north;
- WHEREAS, The owner of 20.7± acres located on Water Street in Leeds, the only parcel that can achieve this goal, has agreed to sell their property for \$85,000;
- WHEREAS, This purchase will provide more passive recreation opportunities and provide a walking linkage from the center of Leeds to the conservation area;
- WHEREAS, Funding will come from Community Preservation Act, other grants, and community contributions;

Ordered, that

The Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, §8C, any fee, easement or conservation restriction as defined in MGL Chapter 184, §31 or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land, with such related restrictions and agreements as the City determines are agreeable;

Further, that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions;

Further, that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant conservation restrictions on any land so acquired.

